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Contract No. 44000004540 Contract for Roundabout Review Statewide

- Q1. I do not have an audited overhead rate since I am all of operating as a DBA, and I would have no problem with the DOTD Audit Section performing an annual overhead audit of my books. Will this be enough to satisfy this requirement?
- A1. An audit would not be required since the billable rate is stated in the advertisement.
- Q2. Operating as a DBA has also been an issue regarding the filing with the Louisiana Secretary of State since they do not accept filings from a DBA. Would I be able to file as a Trade name?
- A2. Yes, state the name of firm as registered with the Secretary of State.
- Q3. Is the proposed billable rate of \$68/hr. intended to include overhead and profit, or is that intended to be a raw direct labor rate? If intended to include markup, that rate would normally correspond to an engineer intern or experienced technician.
- A3. The proposed billable rate of \$68/hr. includes overhead and profit. Only other cost to be invoiced will be travel expenses. The rate is for at least a Senior Technician with experience listed in the advertisement.
- Q4. Does the Prime Consultant need to have another Principal with a Louisiana P.E.? Assuming I meet the Senior Technician criteria do I need to have a Louisiana P.E. on my team at all?
- A4. The minimum personnel requirements list only requires that the Prime Consultant have at least a Senior Technician. It does not require a Professional Engineer.